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INTRODUCTION

The Dundee television relay station came into operation on 6th July 1964. It provides a service to Dundee only.

SUMMARY OF INSTALLATION

Site:

The site is at Dundee Law in the centre of the town, grid

reference NO/391313, height 571 ft (174 m) a.m.s.l.

Support Structure:

The support structure consists of a 90 ft (27 m) square-section self-supporting tower oriented with one side on a

bearing of 77° ETN.

General Arrangement:

See Fig. 1.

Channel:

Channel 2, with vertical polarization is used. Both vision and sound carriers are offset + 16.875 kc/s.

Aerial:

The aerial 1 consists of a single vertical dipole mounted on a bearing of 170° ETN and spaced 5 ft 4 in (1.62 m) from the tower axis. The mean height is 80 ft (24 m) a.g.l.; at this height the tower side dimension is 1 ft 3 in (0.38 m).

Power:

A translator with an output power of 10 W is used.

Templet and Horizontal Radiation Pattern

(h.r.p.)

See Fig. 2 and Note.

Gain:

Mean intrinsic and net gain

0 dB

Deduct: feeder loss (type RPC 2603)

0.8 dB

network loss

0.6 dB 1.4 dB

Mean effective gain

- 1·4 dB

Programme Link:

The programme is obtained by direct reception of the Channel 5 (vertical polarization) transmissions from Forfar. The receiving aerial consists of a 3-element Yagi mounted on the transmitting aerial tower at a height of 30 ft (9·1 m) a.g.l. The aerial is shrouded to give protection against precipitation-static interference.

Note:

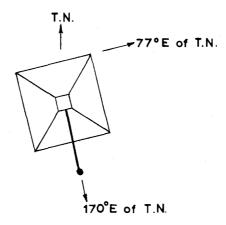
The aerial design was based on a theoretical prediction of the h.r.p. assuming a cylindrical support mast electrically equivalent to the square tower section. This approximation gives reasonable accuracy in view of the small electrical size of the tower cross-section (0.066 λ square). An experimental check of the h.r.p. was therefore unnecessary.

REFERENCE

1. Detailed information on the construction and dimensions of the aerial is given on drawings held by BBC Planning & Installation Department as follows:

PID. 9047.2.1A General Arrangement of Aerials on Tower.

PID. 9047.2.1X General Arrangement of Transmitting Dipole.



Plan of transmitting aerial

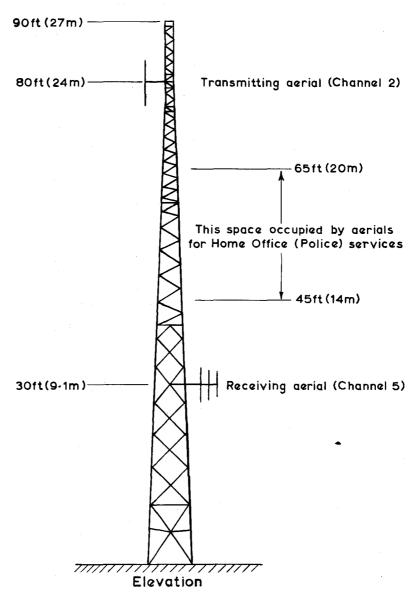


Fig.1 General arrangement of aerials on tower

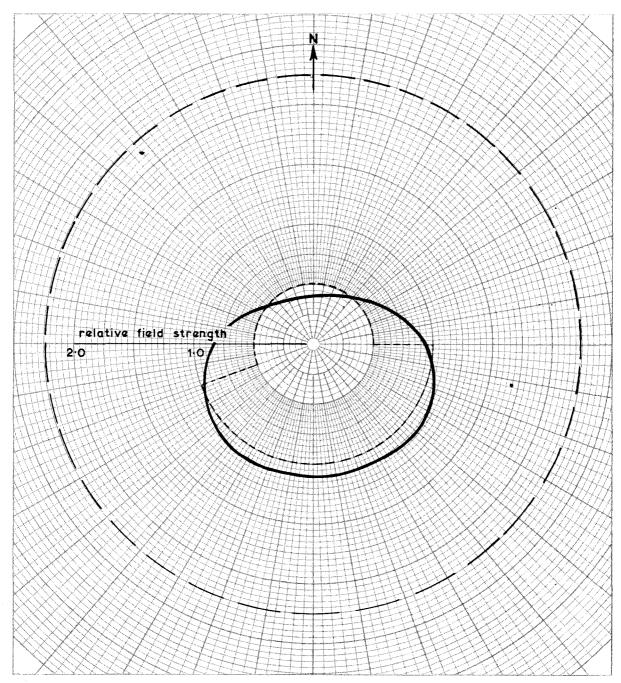


Fig. 2 Templet and horizontal radiation pattern VERTICAL POLARIZATION

Unit field corresponds to an E.R.P. of 10W